GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5977
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EXCAVATION OF INDUS CIVILISATION
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plans to excavate to archaeological sties pertaining to the Indus Civilisation and iron Age Culture; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b) Details are given in the Annexure

ANNEXURE REFFRRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED AQUESTIKON NO.5977 TO BE REPLIED ON 4.5.2000

Archaeological Survey of India has a plan to continue further the on-going excavationsat three Indus civilsation sites viz. Dholavira, District Kachchh,(Gujart); Rakhigarhi,District Hissar(Haryana) and Dhalewan, District. Mansa(Punjab). Dholavira has revealedabout 1500 years history of the rise and fall of the Indus civilsation, approximately covering a period from C.3000 B.C. to C.1500 H.C. through its surccessive stttlements, fortifications, houses, reservoirs, stadia and other features, potteries and antiquities such as scals, sealings, weights, measures, items of jewellary, weaponry and household use; Rakhigrahi has besides Early Harappan structure and antiquities, yielded huses, platforms and other structures, wells, drains, in addition to one cylindrical and several square seals, objects of weaponry, jewellery and ritualistic use, : Dhalewan has produced a proto- Harappan, Harappan and Kushan - Gupta structure, potteries and antiquitis including chert blades and wights, terracotta cart frames, bangles, etc.of the Indus period.

The excavation at Chichali, in District Khargaon, Madhya Pradesh which is beingconcluded has brought to light a large number of Megalithic cairn sites, some containing human bones, black and red wares associated with other Iron sites. Ubharia, other Megalithic Iron Age site, yielded chisel, adzes and a carpentary implement of Iron and associated pottery.